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OPS Level 3 Briefing Note

Incident Number 22-17557
Update 80
Division
Sector
Type of Incident Freedom Convoy
Location Ottawa
Incident Date and Time 28/01/2022 13:29

Brief Synopsis

Current situation as of 02:45 hrs.

There are no demonstrators on Parliament Hill and a further 40-50 people in the area of Wellington, Elgin, Rideau and Sussex.

While there has been no change in the red zone boundary, the traffic hardening plan was implemented by OPP units closing off 8 off ramps of the 417 as well as most of the major roadways into the downtown core. 2 on-ramps were closed by the MTO as they could not be cleared of snow (Metcalf EB and St Laurent WB).

Several convoy vehicles were turned away from the area however there were reports of vehicles driving past check points often in a dangerous

manner. No OPS traffic units, reduced QRT resources and poor driving conditions due to snow hampered efforts to locate these vehicles for enforcement. Due to a lack of marked police vehicles, many of the traffic hardening points were staffed by officers operating unmarked police vehicles with no emergency equipment or rental cars. This could prove problematic in the morning when traffic levels will be significantly higher.

Additionally, more than half of the OPP officers assigned to static traffic points (not in OPP cruisers) were forced to use OPS radios as OPP portables do not function without the presence of police vehicle repeaters.

The off-ramp at Metcalfe (WB) had to be reinforced by OPS units when non-convoy motorists attempted to drive past the 2 OPP cruisers blocking the roadway.

There were at least 2 incidents where static traffic officers were surrounded and yelled at by demonstrators. These situations were diffused with the attendance of QRT units.

Known disruptor [REDACTED] [REDACTED] broadcast his trip through two checkpoints on Facebook Live, telling his followers that police weren't pursuing him after he drove through the checkpoints. He eventually made it onto Kent Street where he joined other demonstrators and proceeded to walk through most of the downtown while filming police positions.

The deployment of integrated police teams continued in a variety of Static Traffic and QRT units. Officers continue to educate and deter ingress of supplies to the inner perimeter with enforcement activities continuing on the periphery of the demonstration.

Several arrests were made during the afternoon/evening including convoy organizers Chris Barber and Tamara Lich.

Two Special Constables were injured while processing another prisoner at cells. The prisoner was identified as a demonstrator from PEI (22-41432).

Staffing numbers for nights:

OPS 36 (12 from FLD)

RCMP 24 (assigned to QRTs)
OPP 150 (static traffic points)

Wellness And Health & Safety

**Wellness
Notified** N/A

**Health &
Safety
Notified** N/A

Actions Taken

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